

8 April 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 8 April 1986 HPSCI Briefing

CIA Briefers:

ADDI Helgerson; [REDACTED]

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Congressmen Present:Hamilton, Stump, Daniel, Dwyer, Kastenmeier, Hyde,
McHugh, Livingston, Michel, CheneySubjects Briefed:Recent Terrorist Incidents on TWA and in Berlin
South Africa
Nicaragua-Honduras Border Situation
Oil and Third World Debt
Terrorist Techniques [REDACTED]
El Salvador Kidnappings [REDACTED]
Recent Defector [REDACTED]

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Hamilton

More certain of Libyan involvement in
Berlin incident than TWA incident? YesSyria, Iran, PLO still active in
terrorism or just Libya?Goes in cycles;
each has links
to specific
groups; Libyans
starting to
target US; hard
to link Arafat.Take it airport security cannot stop
sophisticated bombs?

Yes [REDACTED]

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Stump Dogs effective? Yes but tire
[redacted] 25X1

What can be done? More conspicuous
security [redacted] 25X1

Kastenmeier Purpose of TWA bomb? Destroy plane

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Hyde How is this Nicaraguan incursion
different from rest? Larger numbers,
showed greater
ability and
determination.

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Understand part of strife in South
Africa is tribal? Yes and will
continue.

McHugh Anticipate upswing in terrorism? Trend is up but
lots of fads and
types of
incidents change

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Livingston Impact of oil price drop on USSR Will get back

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Mansour guilty?

Cannot prove
but
circumstantial
evidence strong.

Nicaraguan incursion successful?

Not cost free
but did inflict
casualties and
tie up Contras

Hyde

Anyone working on leaks?

Yes.

Michel

Use of surrogates increasing?

Yes

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Attacks on Indians in Nicaragua?

Yes

How many Nicaraguan troops in NE?

Will get back

Cheney

Views on oil prices?

\$10-12 p/b,

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Long-term effect

Mixed blessing;
could increase
dependence on
Arab oil.

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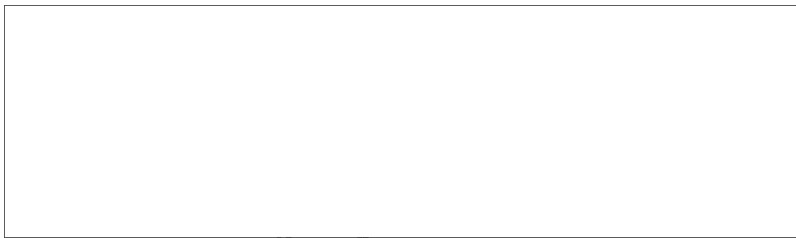
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Followup:

SOVA was tasked with preparing a one page analysis of the impact of falling oil prices on the Soviet Union. ALA will provide one page on the fighting in NE Nicaragua. The CTC will provide recent finished intelligence on terrorism. The package will be passed by OCA to Mr. Hamilton with a covering note from the ADDI.

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HPSCI requested a presentation
on how terrorists can
conceal explosives and
smuggle them on an
aircraft.